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Other Washington papers are so bright that it is a wonder the Congressional Record doesn't speed up a little.

Florida is flourishing in spite of occasional spring freezes. A cold March induces tourists to stay a month longer.

"Green hats for greenhorns," suggests an Indiana paper. Whoever wears a green hat and the new green shoes will be a devil of a fellow.

A slump in diamonds is predicted. If agreeable to Her, you'd better wait a few days and you may pick up a real bargain in an engagement solitaire.

Elbert Hubbard suggests that "for a whole year we let the heathen rest." But maybe those Newport swells would object to no mention whatever for 12 months.

A new fraternity is known as "The Amalgamated Order of Moose." From a gastronomic point of view, an amalgamated moose might properly be called hash.

An interesting suggestion that the continental powers might induce Great Britain to cut down her navy by reducing their own. But somewhat academic, eh?

Observers declare that wild geese, when they fly overhead nowadays, do not honk so much as formerly. It may be that they dislike the idea of being mistaken for automobiles.

A Maryland expert says that not one man in a thousand who eats ter rapin knows whether it is the genuine diamond backed article or not. Then what difference does it make?

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Since other British possessions have set the example we may expect to hear almost any day now that William Waldorf Astor has put a Dreadnought in the slot and drawn out a peerage.

Atlanta Constitution: Countries in search of a new constitution are informed that we have an old one which when taken from the top shelf and thoroughly dusted, is a model for the world.

Surely the burglars have not yet cleaned up things so thoroughly that they are now driven to the extremity of stealing things so cumbersome and hard to dispose of as horses and vehicles.

As to the Boston woman who sued her husband for divorce because he threw a pie at her, there may be two sides to the question. Possibly it was a cherry pie of her own baking, with the pits in it.

A Georgia court rules that to call a man a liar in the south is a breach of the peace. As Washington practically is in the south it would seem that a certain distinguished citizen has got away just in time.

Government experts have been testing a rifle provided with electric lights for night work. Soon the luxurious soldier will refuse to fight unless his weapon be provided also with consoles and janitor service.

Lieut. Shackleton has named a south pole mountain peak after Queen Alexandra of England. But if he expects her to traipse down there to unfurl a flag or break a bottle of champagne, he will be disappointed.

Thirteen men were killed in Maine by deer hunters last season. It is only just to say for the hunters that none of them has made any complaint concerning the ammunition that was wasted when the mistakes were made.

At last the hired girl, butt of heartless generations of jokers as she has been, is getting her innings and can throw her proud "deft" at the chorus girl. A kitchen maid in New York has just fallen heir to a fortune of a million dollars.

A congressman is sending the Congressional Record to the public schools in his home town, hoping in that way to induce the pupils to take an interest in the doings of congress. He is counting his readers, too, just as the baseball season is opening.

When Gen. Booth establishes the Salvation Army in Russia it is hard to see how he is going to avoid the organization of a few good active Cossack regiments to bring the thing to the attention of the plain people in the way they are accustomed to.

WHERE ABDUL GETS OFF.



SENATE SUSTAINS ALDRICH

VOTED 35 TO 44 FOR INCREASED DUTY ON LEAD.

Vote Considered Test of Strength—Only Eleven Republican Insurgents Appeared.

Washington, D. C.—The ability of the Republican majority of the senate to uphold the recommendation of the committee on finance on the lead schedule, which contains the Dingley rates in the tariff bill in the place of the lower duties fixed by the house of representatives was fully represented when by a vote of 35 to 44 the senate declined to reduce by one-quarter of a cent a pound the duty on pig lead as recommended by the committee on finance.

In this vote 11 Republicans voted with the Democrats and two Democrats with the Republicans. By a viva voce vote the senate adopted the rate of 2½ cents a pound on pig lead as recommended by the committee. At the conclusion of the session Chairman Aldrich stated that he regarded the vote as an endorsement of the action of the committee and he expressed confidence that all the schedules of the committee would be upheld.

Templars in Independence.
Independence, Kansas.—The 40th annual state convocation of the Knights Templar opened here with an extensive and showy parade, followed by the opening of the grand commandery in the asylum and a prize drill with Capt. Clark and Lieut. Andrews of the regular army post at Fort Leavenworth, acting as judges. Special trains from Fredonia, Iola, Chanute, Coffeyville, Parsons and other points came in early.

Powder Mill Explodes.
Columbus, Kansas.—Exploding for the fourth time, each of which has claimed from two to five victims, the room of the Laffin-Rand powder mills, at Turk Station, four miles north of here, was blown up, killing four men and entailing a property loss of many thousand dollars. The cause of the explosion will remain a mystery. The four men were in the mixing room at the time, and all were instantly killed.

Danced Herself to Death.
Chicago, Illinois.—Marie Fron, 20 years old, danced herself to death in a public dance hall according to the verdict of a coroner's jury. The girl possessed a frail constitution but was warned by her parents not to exert herself but when the music started she forgot the warning and danced continuously until the last dance of the evening. Then she was carried out of the hall and died at a hospital.

Roosevelt Gets a Rhinoceros.
Nairobi, British East Africa.—A bulky bull rhinoceros is the latest prize wrested from the jungle by Col. Roosevelt. From the ex-president's camp near Machakos word was brought down that the luck of the Roosevelt party continued and that 15 varieties of game, including the big rhinoceros, had been bagged on the last expedition.

Wellman Has Gone Again.
New York, N. Y.—Walter Wellman, who twice has made visits to Spitzbergen with the intention of attempting to reach the North Pole by airship, left New York on the Kronprinz Wilhelm to make a third trial for the honors of discovery.

OPPOSITION TO SCHEDULES.

Antagonism of Republican Senators a Surprise to Aldrich.

Washington, D. C.—The tariff bill will continue to receive the undivided attention of the senate during the present week. Ostensibly the amendments to the different schedules will be before the senate, but there will doubtless be much general discussion of the whole tariff question. The bill has aroused a degree of opposition among Republican senators which had not been counted upon, and while the finance committee is still confident that it will be sustained in its position, there is little effort on the part of its members to conceal the fact that they are annoyed over the situation because of the delay, if for no other reason. The general opinion is that in the end the committee will prevail, but every turn in the pathway of discussion opens up new vistas, so that, apparently the end is still afar off.

Missouri Oil Case Appeal Filed.
Washington, D. C.—The appeal of the Republic Oil company and the Standard Oil company from the decision of the supreme court of Missouri, ousting them from doing business in that state and imposing a fine of \$50,000 each on the charge of entering into a combination to control the oil business contrary to the Missouri anti-trust laws, was received today by the clerk of the supreme court of the United States. The appeal was based on the contention that the proceedings of the Missouri court were contrary to the constitution of the United States.

A Boiling Down Process.
Washington, D. C.—Six thousand pages of testimony taken by the senate committee in the investigation of the "shooting up" of Brownsville on the night of August 13, 1906, are to be condensed into a synopsis, comprising 500 pages. This is to be the summer's work of the court of army officers appointed by the president to pass upon the qualification for reenlistment of the 167 soldiers of the 25th infantry.

Taking Back South's Flags.
Cincinnati, Ohio.—Nine veterans of the Civil war, two of them official representatives of the state of Ohio, left here for Selma, Ala., to return with proper ceremony the Confederate flags captured by the Fourth Ohio cavalry on the battlefield near that town. The flags belonged to the Rifle Scouts, which was a part of General Forest's command.

Brandenburg Will Return.
San Francisco, Cal.—Broughton Brandenburg, the newspaper man and magazine writer, charged with grand larceny in connection with the sale of an article purporting to have been written by Grover Cleveland, created surprise by waiving extradition and agreeing to return east without further resistance.

In Sicily, 213 Quakes.
Rome, Italy.—Since the great earth quake of December scarcely a day has passed without shocks, more or less strong, being felt at Messina, Reggio and surrounding districts. The observatory in the Calabrian earthquake zone has registered since December 28, 213 shocks.

Making a Hole in the Isthmus.
Washington, D. C.—The total excavation for April on the Panama canal was 3,454,649 cubic yards, according to a cablegram received by the Isthmian canal commission from Chief Engineer Goethals.

BEEF TRUST IN ENGLAND

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO INVESTIGATE REPORTS.

Finds That a Combination Exists in This County and Threatens Smithfield Market Itself.

London, England.—The department appointed in July 1908, to inquire into the alleged combination in the meat trade in the United Kingdom has issued its report. A large portion thereof is devoted to the American beef trust and its representatives in London, the committee finding that while a combination exists to a certain extent between four companies in the United States, engaged in the United Kingdom it is not at present sufficiently powerful to seriously endanger the beef trade as a whole. But should these firms, as seems possible, acquire considerable interest in the Argentine the situation with regard to the meat supply of the United Kingdom might become serious.

According to the report the representatives of the American companies in London all told the committee they knew nothing of the conditions prevailing in the United States and commenting on these statements the committee says:

"The committee reluctantly is compelled to express grave doubt as to the reality of this uniform ignorance and its assumption naturally has tended to throw doubt upon the other statements made by the representatives of these firms. It is almost incredible that Armour & Company, Swift & Company, Morris & Company and the Hammond Beef company, the last named representing the National Packing company should be in combination in the United States and in competition in the United Kingdom.

Rickel Heads Kansas G. A. R.
Ottawa, Kansas.—J. H. Rickel of Chanute, was elected department commander of the state G. A. R. to succeed W. A. Morgan of Cottonwood Falls. As a result of efforts of peace makers to settle the old Morgan-Coney feud, Morgan refused to allow his name to go before the session and K. E. Harmon, of Wichita, backed by Coney, withdrew after the first ballot Hutchinson was chosen as the meeting place of the next encampment.

Lighting a Show by Wireless.
Omaha, Nebraska.—The lighting of the big Auditorium by electric impulse from the wireless tower at Fort Omaha six miles away was a novelty to which visitors at the show of the Omaha Electrical Exposition were treated. There has been wireless telegraph connection between the Auditorium and the Fort since the show opened. From now on the show will be lighted by wireless each night.

For a Cuban Lottery.
Havana, Cuba.—The house of representatives by a vote of 52 to 20 passed the bill authorizing the establishment of a national lottery. The general terms of the project, from which the government expects to draw an annual revenue of from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000 calls for three drawings monthly.

Want Duty on Oil.
Independence, Kansas.—Independent Oil Refiners who met here adopted resolutions asking congress to place a 50 per cent ad valorem duty on oil. President Lamprecht of Cleveland, Ohio, and Secretary Chamberlain of the National Petroleum association were present at the meeting.

Argentine Will Retaliate.
Buenos Ayres.—The Nation publishes an article declaring that it will be necessary for Argentina to adopt measures of defense if the American senate approves the Payne tariff bill.

The Wichita Templars Won.
Independence, Kansas.—A competitive drill was held here between the Wichita and Newton teams attending the grand lodge meeting of the Knights Templar and Wichita took the first prize of \$60 with a score of 99 points out of a possible 100. Newton took the second prize of \$40 with a score of 96 points.

Taft's Attitude Displeasing.
San Juan, P. R.—Only excerpts from President Taft's message on Porto Rico have been received here. These have caused excited comment mostly of an unfavorable nature. President Taft's attitude has caused general disappointment among politicians of all parties.

Roosevelt Caught Two Cubs.
Nairobi, British East Africa.—Theodore Roosevelt's hunting luck continues. The ex-president on his last expedition shot a leopard and captured the animal's two cubs. A buffalo and two giraffes also have been captured by the expedition. The party is still in camp near Machakos.

PUBLIC STATEMENT

By a Public Official—County Treasurer of Granbury, Texas.

A. A. Perkins, County Treasurer of Granbury, Hood Co., Texas, says: "Years ago a severe fall injured my kidneys. From that time I was bothered with a chronic lame back and disordered action of the kidneys helped to make life miserable for me. A friend suggested my using Doan's Kidney Pills, which I did, with the most gratifying results. I made a public statement at the time, recommending Doan's Kidney Pills, and am glad to confirm that statement now." Sold by all dealers, 50 cents a box. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

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